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VIA, ELECTRONIC MAIL & ELECTRONIC FILINGThe Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd,
Chief Clerk/Executive Director,
Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

- Re:
- Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Request the Commission to Hold a Joint Hearing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission to Develop Carbon Plan
 - Docket 2021-349-E
 - **Request that CCEBA's Comments below be added as a Supplemental Agenda Item for Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

Ms. Boyd

I write to inform you that the Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association (“CCEBA”), supports the comments and proposed extensions of time filed by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff in ORS’s November 10, 2021 letter in Docket 2021-349-E. ORS’ letter was filed in response to the Petition filed on November 9, 2021, by Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (collectively “Duke Energy”).

CCEBA is a frequent intervenor in Duke Energy IRP and related dockets in both North and South Carolina and CCEBA intends to intervene in all dockets related to the implementation of North Carolina House Bill 951. While CCEBA agrees with Duke Energy that the issues implicated by House Bill 951 affect both North and South Carolina and the timelines in the bill are aggressive, CCEBA believes that the extensions requested by ORS are reasonable. CCEBA shares ORS’ stated concerns about the timeline requested by Duke Energy in its petition and believe that more time is needed for stakeholders to meaningfully participate in this proposed docket. CCEBA therefore supports ORS’ proposal that comments regarding Duke Energy’s proposal be due, at the earliest, on December 20, 2021, with reply comments due on January 10, 2022, with an order no earlier than January 31, 2022.

In addition, CCEBA shares the concerns stated by Google, LLC (“Google”) in its letter of November 11, 2021, to this Commission. As stated, on November 10, 2021, Duke Energy filed an *ex parte* briefing request in this docket seeking an opportunity to provide an *ex parte* briefing to the Commission on November 17, 2021. CCEBA hereby requests that the Commission deny Duke Energy’s request in light of the need for a procedural extension, with the caveat that once responsive pleadings from other interested parties are made, if the Commission determines that an *ex parte* briefing is both appropriate and necessary, the Commission can request one from Duke Energy and provide opportunity for others to conduct a counter briefing(s).

CCEBA therefore requests that Duke Energy’s request for an *ex parte* briefing on November 17, 2021, be denied and the ORS’ proposed extended deadlines be adopted. Finally, CCEBA request that these Comments be added as a Supplemental Agenda Item on this Commission’s Agenda for Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Richard L. Whitt
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*As Counsel for Carolinas Clean Energy
Business Association.*

cc: All parties of Record in Docket 2021-349-E, *via electronic mail*

John D. Burns, General Counsel for CCEBA, *via electronic mail*